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SUBJECT: BAN HOUEI SAI SITUATION

1. ON THE OCCASION OF MY FAREWELL CALL ON PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA, HE INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM GENERAL VANNESENG ON THE SITUATION AT BAN HOUEI SAI. ACCORDING TO PRIME MINISTER, VANNESENG HAD FOUND THAT BOTH SIDES HAD BEEN AT FAULT, 30 MEN HAVING BEATEN UP THE 3 WHO HAD INTRUDED ON A PARTY. NATURALLY, THE 3 HAD GONE AWAY TO GET THE HELP OF FRIENDS AND THE SITUATION HAD SOURED. THEY SHOULD HAVE SOUGHT THE INTERVENTION OF THE POLICE. VANNESENG NOW WANTED TO CALM THINGS DOWN. UNTIL THEN HE ADVISED THAT AMERICANS SHOULD STAY OUT OF TOWN. IN THE ENTIRE RECITAL THE PRIME MINISTER NEVER MADE ANY REFERENCE TO ANY PL INVOLVEMENT.

2. COMMENT: WE WERE NOT REASSURED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPORT. WE SUSPECT THAT HE HAS NOT REALLY GRASPED ALL THE DIFFICULTIES VANNESENG FACES IN THE BAN HOUEI SAI SITUATION. HUXTABLE IS STAYING IN TOUCH WITH VANNESENG AND IT APPEARS SENSIBLE TO POSTPONE
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ANY DECISION ON WHETHER TO MAINTAIN A USAID PRESENCE

IN BAN HOUEI SAI.
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